

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 3, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The March meeting of the Cranbury Township Board of Health was held in Town Hall on March 3, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Cheryl Coyle, Chairwoman of the Cranbury Township Board of Health, called the meeting to order and Kristen H. Hamilton acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on January 7, 2008, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Coyle, Chairwoman, John Jackson, Dr. Daniel Notterman, Dr. Mort Shakun and Beverly Gerberich.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Van Hise, Esquire, Board Attorney, Jim Longo of the Middlesex County Public Health Department, and Jerry Thorne, Cranbury Township Animal Control Officer.

MINUTES

The February minutes were unanimously approved; motion by Dr. Notterman; seconded by Mr. Jackson.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

There was no Environmental Report provided for the month of February 2008.

Jim Longo reviewed the substance of the Health Report for the Board.

Mr. Longo informed the Board that on February 26, 2008, he received notification of a beef recall affecting schools. He conducted a site evaluation at Cranbury School and found no recalled products on site. He further advised that today (March 3, 2008) he received an updated list of the recalled beef and some of it is on site at the school. The beef will be destroyed as required. It was noted that Cranbury School, as a precautionary measure, has not served beef since the initial recall was received.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Quality of Cranbury Brook – Mr. Longo advised that he spoke with Richard Spilatore, water coordinator for Middlesex County, who advised that the brown foam in Cranbury Brook is most likely due to the agitation of the water. If desired, the water can be tested on a regular basis. The Board opined that in the spring it might be desirable to test for fecal chloroform and nitrates. Dr. Notterman questioned the cost of such testing. Mr. Longo will inquire as to the cost.

The Secretary will inquire of the Environmental Commission as to what has been tested in

the past and get pertinent data.

Rabies Protocol – Cat Licenses – Mr. Longo provided a copy of Metuchen’s Code requiring the licensing of cats.

Mr. Van Hise advised that he was informed that the Township Committee has previously discussed, on several occasions, the possibility of implementing licensing for cats and has chosen not to do so. Dr. Notterman feels that the data should be closely reviewed and, if the Board feels strongly that cats should be licensed, a recommendation should be made to the Township Committee that an Ordinance be adopted requiring same.

After much discussion, it was decided that Pari Stave, the Board of Health Liaison from the Township Committee, will be invited to attend a Board of Health meeting to hear a presentation on the advantages of having cats licensed.

Mr. Van Hise will look for samples of ordinances from other municipalities. It was thought that Hightstown Borough, Metuchen and Lawrenceville have such ordinances.

Mr. Van Hise provided copies of the “Resolution Adopting an Informational Guide Concerning Rabies” which was adopted at the February meeting. The Secretary will distribute same in accordance with the Resolution. When questioned, Mr. Thorne advised the Board that his only concern with the requirements of the Resolution is that the police come when a rabid animal is found.

Mr. Thorne provided the Board with a list of equipment that he currently has to aid in the trapping/picking up of animals, all of which is kept at the Public Works Garage. When asked what additional equipment was needed, Mr. Thorne expressed his desire to have a paint ball gun to mark animals which need to be trapped; therefore, allowing him to be certain the correct animal is caught. The Board of Health will write a memorandum in support of the purchase.

The Animal Control Officer’s vaccinations need to be kept current, including Hepatitis B and tetanus. Dr. Lupovici, the Township Physician, should administer the necessary vaccinations. Mr. Thorne advised that he spoke to Dr. Lupovici’s office and was told he would not administer the vaccinations. Chairwoman Coyle will contact Christine Smeltzer, the Township Administrator, to have her contact Dr. Lupovici directly. If Dr. Lupovici will not provide the vaccinations, Dr. Notterman will find someone who will and contact Robert Wood Johnson for the cost.

Dog Census – Mr. Longo advised that he issued eleven summonses to those residents who did not renew their dog licenses. As of this date, approximately one-half have come in for licenses and their summonses will be dismissed.

Needs Assessment – Mr. Van Hise has not yet received a response to his inquiry as to what funding the Township provides to the First Aid Squad. Mr. Van Hise should also find out what the funding is used for.

An inquiry should also be made as to the specific duties of the Township Physician.

Senior Center Health Screenings – The Human Services Board provided the dates of May 5th and May 30th for possible dates to hold dermatologist and BMI screenings. Chairwoman Coyle has forwarded the information to the doctor.

AED Equipment in Public Places – Mrs. Gerberich advised the Board that an AED could be purchased for approximately \$1,200.00, plus \$50.00 for replacement pads. The Board feels that AEDs should be available In Town Hall and/or the Library. Mrs. Gerberich advised that there may be grants available and will inquire into same. If grants are not available, the Board could possibly seek donations. Dr. Shakun will check if the Cranbury Presbyterian Church, Cranbury Methodist Church and the Club House at Four Seasons have AEDs in place.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Board of Health, and that this document, consisting of 3 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on March 3, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____day of _____, 2008.

Kristen H. Hamilton, Secretary